

Leathley Conversion Area Appraisal meeting held on Tuesday 15 June 2010 in the parish hall at Leathley.

The meeting was held to consider the response to the draft consultation documentation issued by Harrogate Borough Council on the Leathley Conservation Area Character Appraisal.

Present:

Mr. W. Keighley (Chair)
Mr. M. Elam (Secretary)
Dr. G. Wood (Evening organiser)

And nine members of the public

1. A brief outline of the appraisal process and planning control was given by Mr. Elam.

2. A brief outline of the appraisal document and its various components was given by Dr. Wood.

3. Items discussed

a) The proposed changes to the boundary of the Conservation Area and the inclusion of the Park and Leathley Hall

The meeting was in agreement to the proposed extension to the boundary of the conservation area.

b) The areas and features excluded : eg north of the village

The meeting was in favour of asking for the animal pound to be included in some way. Barks Hill and the chapel were thought to be integral to the Parkland and should be included.

c) Opportunities for enhancement

The report was not in favour of using concrete kerbing but it was felt that where it had been used it had prevented further erosion of the verge and saved cars leaving the road. It was felt that attempts should be made to find an alternative to the concrete kerbing that would be suitable for use in the conservation area. There was some discussion that some of the trees in the churchyard blocked views of the church.

d) In section 2.2 mention there was reference to a PPG15 this has now been changed to PPS5

4. Conclusion

The meeting was in agreement that the character of the north of the village has been altered in recent years by large extensions, conversion of green belt land to gardens and high boundaries and feel that the animal pound should be protected.

There is a need to find a way to protect the verges but still satisfies the needs of the conservation area.

The village green is not show on any plans as common land and is not shown on the land registry. Is is though that it may still be owned by the Farnley estate.

The consultation document has two dates for the Village Hall 1922 (on page 5) and 1928 (on page 19.)

4. The Chair asked that the meeting thanks to Dr. Wood be recorded.

5. This item is to be placed on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting in July.

M. Elam